

HAMPTON-NEWPORT NEWS CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD
JUVENILE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2003

Present

Ms. Mary Allen, Hampton Juvenile Court Services
Mr. Bob Brooks, Newport News Juvenile Services
Dr. Linda Deans, Hampton City Schools
The Honorable Nelson T. Durden, Hampton Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court
Mr. Aderon Gibbs, Newport News Juvenile Court Services
Ms. Tracey Jenkins, H/NN Criminal Justice Agency
Mr. Carl Linden, Hampton Juvenile Court Services
Ms. Wanda Rogers, Hampton Social Services
Mr. Chris Tan, Newport News Office on Youth Development
Mr. Jim Thomas, Hampton Juvenile Court Services
Ms. Roseanne Walters, Newport News Department of Juvenile Services

Guests

Ms. Shauna Epps, VA Department of Juvenile Justice

Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Thomas introduced Ms. Epps as a guest at the meeting. Ms. Epps, formerly a member of the JJSC, is employed with the Dept. of Juvenile Justice and anticipates being a regular guest to the meetings.

Mr. Thomas deferred discussions regarding the Casey Initiative to the last item on the agenda.

Larry Robinson was unable to attend the meeting, however, Mr. Thomas did say that JABG funding would be forthcoming and remain at the same funding level as before. Mary Allen reported that Hampton's JABG allocation is \$32,524 in federal funds and a local match fund of \$3,614. Of these funds, \$16,712 is appropriated to the Community Work Alternative Program and will support ½ year salary and fringe for the CWAP Program assistant. There will be \$19,426 allocated for substance abuse evaluations and treatment services for six youths. The subcommittee approved the Hampton's JABG fund appropriations as reported by Ms. Allen.

Ms. Walters reported that the Youth Development conference is scheduled for April 29th; however, no place has been set as of yet. The fee for the conference is \$35. Michael Clark will be facilitating the conference.

Ms. Jenkins reported that the CCJB, at their December 15th retreat, planned and organized the Board's priorities for the upcoming year. The project focus is centered on law enforcement in regards to mental health issues. As a result, intervention programs are being considered that will help initiate specialized training for police officers to deal with these issues. The Board will meet in January to finalize the project in terms of goals and related projects to fulfill those goals. Ms. Jenkins further reported that the AOIS subcommittee remains on hold, as the full CCJB will be working on this project.

Mr. Thomas moved discussions to the Casey Project. He informed JJSC members that DJJ is requiring each locality to identify a collaborative group to guide activities, perform a self-assessment to assist DJJ with a resolution to localities' specific problems and for technical assistance, and to develop short and long term goals to be submitted by February 1, 2004. Through discussions, JJSC members recognized assistance is needed with data collection and to determine ways in which to reduce length of stay in juvenile detention.

A self-assessment meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 23rd to develop the required preliminary plans related to the Casey Detention Initiative. A sub-group was formed to help plan and organize the self-assessment meeting. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Walters and Ms. Jenkins were selected as participants of this sub-group. Ms. Walters agreed to find an appropriate facilitator and Ms. Lynnette Hopewell of DJJ will be asked to give a presentation on detention and data analysis that is specific to the Hampton and Newport News localities. Based on the findings of this meeting, JJSC members will then work on developing specific preliminary plans for each locality in accordance with the Casey Initiative project.

Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting.

